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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Permanent Dispersal of Essential Functions of Government.

REFERENCES : a. Memo dtd 7 Dec 53 to NSC Planning Board fr ES/NSC,
same subject.
b. Memo dtd 28 Dec 53 to DD/I fr A-DD/A, same subject.
(T/S 77958)
c. Memo dtd 5 Jan 54 to NSC Planning Board fr ES/NSC,
same subject.

1. Reference c. cited above has been studied in this Office, especially with reference to the particulars in which it differs from the provisions of reference a. cited above.

2. The comments which we submitted on 28 December 1953 in our memorandum cited above as reference b. will stand, in the light of the current study. We wish, however, to call attention to, and comment upon, one factor which has emerged with greater emphasis in the current study. We refer to the matter of predesignation of alternative command posts at present field offices and predelegation of Agency top command authority to officials at such posts by succession. We do not feel that the field offices of this Agency in their present form lend themselves to the assumption of such responsibility and authority. It, therefore, seems to us that if the terms of the present study are put into effect we shall be under the necessity of reorganizing drastically our [redacted], both as to type of 25X1A personnel and as to function, in order to make them susceptible to this use and purpose. Consequently, we feel that this Agency should be exempted from this provision.

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